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Norm Belsten has submitted this fitting tribute to the late **Jim Deluney** of Angus, Ontario.

I was saddened to hear that a good friend, Jim Deluney had passed away. Jim started DELUNEY'S WOODEN NICKELS in 1980 and made the Huronia Coin Club woods for many years. He also made woods for several other coin clubs and businesses, along with issues for many collectors, including myself. He cut his own round blanks from maple dowelling and the flats from maple veneer. His first issues were printed using a rubber stamp pad. In 1984, getting the idea from Lou Vesh, he started the hot foil stamping of wood, but still continued with the ink pad method for those who wanted it. Jim lived in Angus, Ontario and before retiring , worked at the nearby Canadian Forces Base Borden and produced many woods for those stationed at the base. He supported many coin clubs and other organizations with donations of woods or discounts, and attended many local coin shows. Jim's wife, Margaret died several years ago, and he began keeping company with Judy Cunningham the last few years. In 1991, because of health problems, Jim was forced to stop making woods. By then he had made about a million woods using hundreds of different designs. Many woods made by Jim are still out there and are yet to be discovered and catalogued. Jim's work is a major part of our Canadian Wooden Money history. He will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all collectors.

C.N.A. CONVENTION: Hope you've made plans to meet in Montreal, Quebec at this years CNA convention, July 24th to 28th 1996. The convention schedule was printed in last month's newsletter. Note that the **Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors** will have a breakfast meeting and auction on Sunday July 28th at 8:00 a.m. This has always been a well attended meeting in the past and this year should be no different. Your editor looks forward to seeing many collectors from all across the country and from the USA. There should be lots of new wood issues available. I hope to see you there.

John Maclean of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia has sent me samples of several woods issued at the May 3rd and 4th 1996 ***Atlantic Canadian Coin Collectors' Rally***. These woods with some available information are shown later in this newsletter. Many thanks John for sending along this information.

ATTENTION NOVICE COLLECTOR

A Wood Collection available from a long time collector now retiring from collecting the following provinces:

QUEBEC: 190 rounds
ONTARIO: 980 rounds
MANITOBA: 50 rounds
SASKATCHEWAN: 290 rounds
ALBERTA: 655 rounds
BRITISH COLUMBIA: 125 rounds
Total Number of Pieces: 2290 (with little duplication)

ALL REASONABLE OFFERS CONSIDERED BUT THE HIGHEST NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED.

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DUES: Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is $10.00 per calendar year and should be forwarded to our Membership Chairman - Ron Zelk at R.P.O. Box 77575, 592 Sheppard Ave. W., Downsview, Ont. Canada, M3H 6A7.

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

The article on page four of this "Timber Talk" issue outlines the story behind this month's free wood. 'Digger' Al Munro of Calgary, Alberta has provided our membership with many free woods over the years. I thank him for relating his story regarding this find and for sending enough woods for each of the membership. This wood is found in the Belsten listing under 6880-001. It is black on both sides and the listing indicates that 5000 were made.

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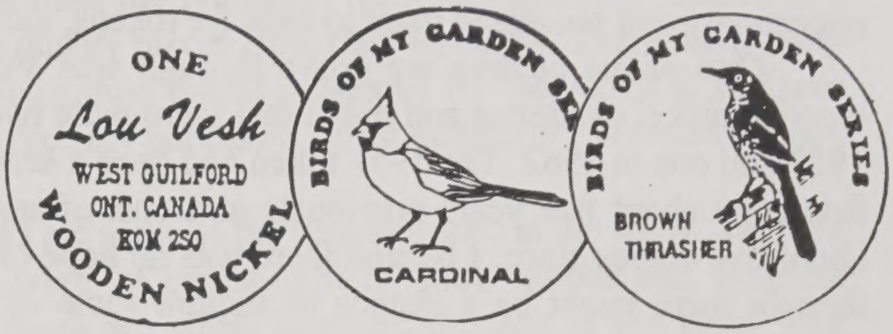
BIRDS OF MY GARDEN..... *by Lou Vesh*

This year's choices are the ever popular, ever colorful *cardinal* and the songful *brown thrasher*.

Although cardinals are not common to this area, a male of the species graced our back yard for a couple of days last fall. That was enough to make it eligible for the series. It was my only sighting of a cardinal in this immediate area in my ten years of residence here although I know them to frequent areas just 20 miles south. Hot stamped in black, three color applications secured its recognition



common obverse

The unobtrusive brown thrasher gave itself away by its beautiful trill. This shy bird of the cuckoo family was relatively easy to paint on the wooden nickel. I hot stamped the predominant brown and brushed on the white breast.

A vast number of birds species pass through our property. Some stay for the summer only, some spend only the winters, and others are merely transient, winging their way between seasonal habitats. They seem to come and go according to weather conditions, nesting suitability, food supplies, predators, etc. About two dozen pine grosbeaks spent last winter in our trees and around the feeder. This is a first for our yard, though they have since disappeared, having moved on to northern climes, I expect. In fact, for some unexplainable reason, there were many firsts this year. Six mourning doves also made their debut and cooed all through March and April before moving on. About 40 -50 redpolls dined here all last winter too. Plenty of material for future wooden nickel issues! It's not all on the upswing though. The constant chattering of the bobolink (#3 in the series) is heard no more from our back door. Topographical changes have disturbed their nesting grounds and one has not been sighted in over two years. Fortunately, there are enough birds still eligible for the series that a list would more than fill the rest of this page.

This year's set (#7 & #8) are now completed and will be made available to collectors at the C.N.A. show in Montreal. The price is still $3.00 per set of 2 and all proceeds are donated to C.A.W.M.C. For those who purchased the first two (robin & bluejay) which are now sold out, and wish to continue, subsequent issues 3 & 4 (bobolink & chickadee), and 5 & 6 (Baltimore oriole & nuthatch), are still available. Catch us at the C.N.A.!

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VIRDEN, MANITOBA SOUVENIR 1957 TOKEN

By AL MUNRO

In May 1995, my wife and I, drove to Winnipeg for a holiday. As we were driving through Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, I proceeded to take any opportunity that presented itself to look for tokens, including wooden nickels.

One of the centres we drove through was Virden, Manitoba. I checked my wooden nickel catalogue and noted that there were two souvenir tokens issued; one in 1957 and one in 1982. The 1957 token had been a scarce token and I had acquired my first copy about five years previously at a cost of around $10.00, and had only seen about five copies since. I figured there was no hope of finding any of those woods but thought there might be a chance to acquire some of the 1982 pieces even though I already had some duplicates.

I started my search at the town office and was greeted with blank looks when I asked questions concerning wooden nickels. After a few moments, they figured out what I was talking about and made several calls, on my behalf. I was then told how to get to the local museum where they might be able to help me. Upon reaching the museum, we were told that it was still closed for the winter but were in the process of cleaning up in anticipation of opening the next weekend. I introduced myself to a young lady who responded by saying "Oh! You're the wooden nickel man". I asked her if she had located any wooden nickels. She proceeded to show me a box about 18" x 10" and about 4" thick.

When we opened the box, I was surprised to find it full of rolls of wooden nickels, and some loose woods , all of which were the 1957 souvenir token. We examined some of the loose ones and opened a few rolls and were further surprised to find that many of the tokens were dirty or well worn. This leads me to believe that they had been used as true tokens and were redeemed. Prior to this discovery I had assumed they had been used only as souvenirs. I guessed that there would be in excess of 3000 tokens in that box.

I , of course, asked if I could purchase some for other collectors, The reply was "I guess so, but we have to keep enough for the sales in the museum.". I asked how many they sold every year and she replied, "About three or four per year.". A quick mental calculation, based on my estimate of 3000 woods, would mean they would run out of woods in about 750 years. I eventually bought 240 of the woods for $30.00, which should allow me to substantially average down the cost of the one in my collection. So much for the scarce 1957 Virden souvenir wooden token.

(Editor's Note: When I was in Calgary, at the 1995 CNA convention last summer, Al gave me 200 of these woods for inclusion in 'Timber Talk').

John Maclean reports that the **APNA Spring Show** organized by the **Atlantic Canadian Coin Collectors' Rally (ACCCR)** was a tremendous success. The show was hosted by the Halifax Coin Club and without a doubt was a year for the "woodies". There was a record turnout for the Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Collectors' meeting at which a total of twenty-one, mostly new, wooden issues were in evidence. The meeting saw collectors come from the Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, Ontario and Alberta, all trying to capture some quality pieces from the Maritimes. There were many winning exhibits and a special recognition medal presented by the ACCCR to Dave Taylor and Glenn Rodger for their recently published, latest edition of "Wooden Money of Atlantic Canada".

Shown on the next two pages are some of the woods issued at the show. The five exhibiting the **new** ACCCR logo were, of course, official show woods and, with the exception of the uniface wood, there are small numbers of each of the other four remaining. These are available for $2.00 each plus SASE. The Halifax Coin Club wood is also available for $1.00 each plus SASE. They can be obtained from **John Maclean 103 Dorothea Dr., Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, B2W 2E7.**

John also indicates that if there are readers who are looking for any particular Nova Scotia or Maritime woods, he invites their want lists, or for that matter, their trade/sell lists as well.

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Uniface

Common Obverse

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Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Collectors' woods: (continued from page five)

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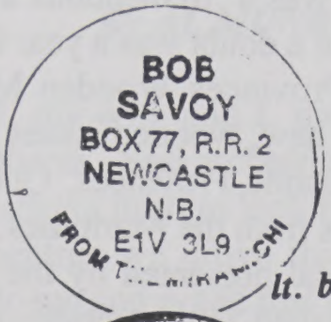

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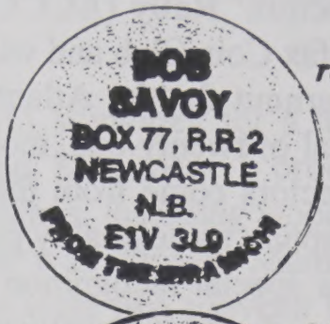

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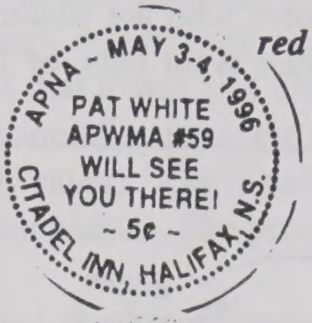

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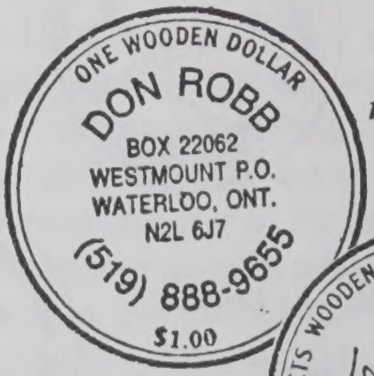

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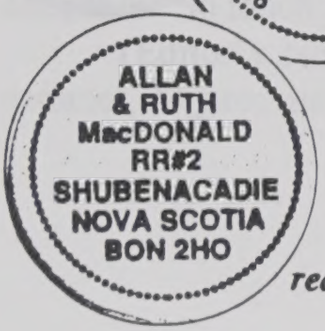

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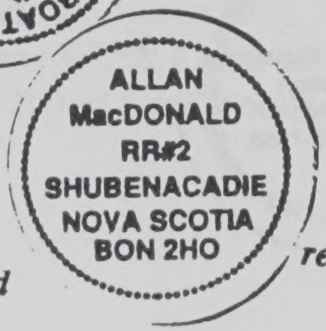

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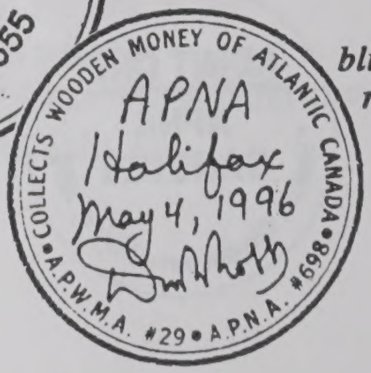

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